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1. GOU HAS CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF THREE-MAN TEAM WHICH WILL OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE: AIR FORCE BRIGADIER JORGE BORAD, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF ANCAP, THE STATE ALCOHOL AND PETROLEUM ENTERPRISE; DR. FEDERICO GARCIA CAPURRO, MEMBER OF THE GOU'S COUNCIL OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE PREPARING PRELIMINARY STUDIES FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION; AND MATEO MARQUES SERE, AN EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT AND FORMER OAS AMBASSADOR WHO, IN MAY 1977, RETIRED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE. NAMES ARE THOSE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY PALADINI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARQUES, WHO REPLACES EX-FONMIN JUAN CARLOS BLANO. MARQUES IS PERHAPS A BETTER CHOICE BECAUSE OF HIS DIRECT RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH THE OAS IN WASHINGTON. BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOLLOW.

2. JORGE ANTONIO BORAD ADALA: BRIGADIER GENERAL
BORAD IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ALCOHOL, PETROLEUM AND CEMENT COMPANY, ANCAP. NOE FIFTY-FIVE (55), BORAD HAS PRE-
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CIOSLY BEEN CHIEF OF THE URUGUAYAN AIR FORCE'S TACTICAL AIR COMMAND AND A BRIGADE COMMANDER, AS WELL AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION AND POSTMASTER GENERAL. HE WAS AIR ATTACHE TO THE U.S. IN 1970-72 AND HAS ATTENDED VARIOUS USAF SERVICE SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SQUADRON OFFICER'S SCHOOL (MAXWELL AFB) AND JET QUALIFICATION AND BASIC INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE (CRAIG

AFB). HE HAS FULLY RECOVERED FROM A 1969 HEART ATTACK BUT WATCHES HIS DIET, DRINKS SPARINGLY AND HAS GIVEN UP CIGARETTES. HIS ENGLISH IS FAIRLY GOOD BUT HAS BECOME RUSTY THROUGH LACK OF PRACTICE.

3. BORAD IS ABOVE AVERAGE IN INTELLIGENCE. HE IS VERY PRO-U.S. BUT ALSO AVIDLY ANTI-COMMUNIST, AND IN THE PAST HAS EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS DISILLUSIONED BY THE U.S. STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN URUGUAY. HE READS WIDELY ON WORLD EVENTS AND IS FAIRLY WELL INFORMED. IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF ANCAP, BORAD IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES POLITICAL COMMISSION, AN IMPORTANT ADVISORY BODY, WHERE HE HAS BEEN A NOTABLY POSITIVE FORCE.

4. BOARD IS AN IMPRESSIVE AND THOUGHTFUL INDIVIDUAL, OPEN AND SINCERE IN DISCUSSION; HE DOESN'T MINCE WORDS BUT THINKS BEFORE HE SPEAKS AND AVOIDS OFFENSE. HE DETESTS INSINCERITY AND REACTS NEGATIVELY TO FLATTERY. HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY HIS PEERS AND SUBORDINATES AND IS PROBABLY HIS SERVICE'S MOST RESPECTED LEADER.

5. DR. FEDERICO GARCIA CAPURRO: SEVENTY YEARS OLD, DR. GARCIA IS A WORLD-RENOWNED RADIOLOGIST, HOLDER OF 22 UNIVERSITY DEGREES (MOST OF THEM HONORARY) AND MEMBER OF AT LEAST 13

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FOREIGN MEDICAL SOCIETIES IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL URUGUAYAN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES. HE SERVED AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (1952-52), MINISTER OF CULTURE (1968-70), AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE (1971-72). HE ALSO SERVED AS URUGUAY'S DELEGATE TO UNESCO, INCLUDING A TERM AS DELEGATE TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, FROM 1972-76. HE RESIGNED FROM HIS POST AS MINISTER OF CULTURE AFTER A BITTER AND PROLONGED CONFLICT WITH THE LEFTIST-ORIENTED UNIVERSITY FACULTY, STATING THAT IF THE UNIVERSITY COULD NOT DISCIPLINE ITSELF, IT WOULD LOSE ITS AUTONOMY. DR. GARCIA TRAVELLED TO THE U.S. AS CULTURAL ATTACHE AND MEDICAL TEACHER IN 1946, AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. HE HAS ALSO TRAVELLED WIDELY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, EUROPE AND ASIA. HE IS CHARACTERIZED AS RUDDY, AMIABLE, FRANK, AND A CONSERVATIVE.

6. GARCIA CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN VERY CLOSE TIES TO THE MILITARY, FOLLOWING HIS SUCCESSFUL TENURE AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE. HOWEVER, HE IS ALSO HIGHLY RESPECTED BY CIVILIANS BOTH IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT, AND HE IS FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS A STRONG AND POPULAR PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITY. DR. GARCIA IS ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS (ELECTED 28 OCTOBER 77) OF URUGUAY'S QUASI-LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF STATE, AND HE IS TAKING

A LEADING ROLE IN THAT ORGAN'S DRAFTING OF THE NEW NATIONAL CONSTITUTION. HIS INPUT IN THIS DOCUMENT, ACCORDING TO HIS OWN STATEMENTS OF EMBOFFS, WILL FAVOR A MORE DOMINANT EXECUTIVE, WITH INCREASED CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION AND MORE PROFESSIONAL HANDLING OF SENSITIVE ISSUES. IT IS RUMORED THAT HE MADE THE REOPENING OF THE INDEPENDENT DAILY "EL DIA" A PRE-REQUISITE FOR HIS AGREEMENT TO SERVE IN THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

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7. MATEO MARQUES SERE IS A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT WHO HAS HELD INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT POSTS SINCE 1948, USUALLY WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE SERVED AS URUGUAY'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS FROM 1971 TO 1977, AND WAS THE PRESENT DELEGATE'S IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR. IN THE PERIOD 1957-1959, HE WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE URUGUAYAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND FROM 1962-1967 HE SERVED AS ITS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE. THROUGH THE YEARS, AMBASSADOR MARQUES SERVED ON URUGUAYAN DELEGATIONS TO VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, INCLUDING INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCES, U.S.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL SESSIONS, AND THE 1966 UNCTAD MEETING AT WHICH HE WAS THE CHIEF URUGUAYAN REPRESENTATIVE. IN ADDITION, DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE OAS, HE PARTICIPATED IN A NUMBER OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING ONE TO STUDY THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM, OF WHICH HE WAS CO-CHAIRMAN, IN 1974.

8. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF AMBASSADOR MARQUES' FORMAL EDUCATION, EXCEPT THAT HE ATTENDED GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE FOR ONE SEMESTER. HE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, HAVING SERVED IN URUGUAY'S

WASHINGTON EMBASSY (DATES UNKNOWN) IN ADDITION TO HIS
UN AND OAS POSTS. HE ALSO SPEAKS FRENCH.

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9 APPROXIMATELY 55 YEARS OF AGE, AMBASSADOR MARQUES
IS USUALLY DESCRIBED AS INTELLIGENT, ALERT AND
WELL-INFORMED. HE WAS CHARACTERIZED AS AN EXCELLENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OAS, AND IS FAMILIAR WITH ALL
ITS INTRICACIES AND IDIOSYNCRACIES. HE IS CONSIDERED
TO BE GENERALLY FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH
HE CAN BE RESERVED AND WILY WHEN THE SITUATION DEMANDS.
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